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SPECTROMETRY OF COMPLEX  
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 7 of this paper.